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"For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." I Cor. 2:2.

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Rev. and Mrs. Martin Duerksen.

Mennonites in Buenos Aires

Mennonites definitely have a future in Buenos Aires, Argentina, if they will reckon with it, declared Rev. Martin Duerksen, city missionary in Buenos Aires for the MCC, in North Kildonan M.B. church on Sunday, September 18, at 2:30 p.m. Most of the 650 Mennonites have moved there to find a means of livelihood, and it is the duty of the city mission to prevent these people from losing themselves, he affirmed.

The afternoon service was held to accommodate those who had been unable to hear Mr. Duerksen in the morning service at the First Mennonite Church, Winnipeg. Rev. Abram Toews was in charge, and a men's quartet from the North Kildonan M.B. church sang.

Mr. Duerksen is a graduate of the (Old) Mennonite Bible School in Bragado, Argentina. He has been active as teacher in Paraguay and also been a missionary to the Indians there. He was in Argentina when the first shipload of Mennonites arrived on the "Volendam" in 1947, and ministered to them. At the time 137 remained in Buenos Aires. This number has grown to 650, with Mr. Duerksen appointed as city missionary by the Mennonite Central Committee.

Only those who really want to come to church do so, he maintained. There is a very real sacrifice involved, since most of them live in the suburbs and have to travel up to 2 hours to reach the centrally located house which the MCC has rented. With a membership of 65, the church strives to win the Mennonites by a choir, Sunday School, young people's programs, and Daily Vacation Bible School.

Mr. Duerksen also delivered a short address on Matt. 9:1-9. After that an offering was received for a new church in Buenos Aires.

IMPROVED CROP CONDITIONS IN MEXICO

If they have a few more weeks of favourable weather, Mennonite farmers in Chihuahua province in Mexico will have harvested good crops. According to Rev. B. H. Janzen, minister of the Hoffnungs-feld Mennonite church at Cuauhtemoc, now visiting in Kansas, the rainfall has been adequate this year. Especially good yields are expected from beans and oats.

Many Mennonite families have been greatly impoverished during the last several years of drought.

Evangelistic Services At Morden, Man.

Don Holliday and his team from Ontario held a three-week evangelistic campaign in Morden, Man., sponsored by the M.B. church, the Mission Church, Pentecostals, and the group at Lindal. Approximately 500 persons attended the services nightly, with 60, mostly young people, registering a decision for Christ.

Bro. Peter Penner writes that the meetings were characterized by deep earnestness, simple portrayal of the Gospel, no showmanship, and a high musical standard in the solos as well as in the choir numbers.

Baptism at Noanama, Colombia

The first baptism in the history of the mission work at Noanama, Choco, climaxed a series of special meetings held September 8, 9, and 11 in the Noanama chapel. Rev. J. A. Loewen, the guest speaker, dealt with the topic, "Growth into the likeness of our Lord Jesus Christ", at these meetings.

CAR PRESENTED TO RUDNERWEIDER BISHOP

Rev. Jacob H. Friesen, Edenthal, Man., bishop of the 1,200-member Rudnerweider church in southern Manitoba, was presented with a new 1955 Pontiac sedan on Tuesday, September 20, by his church.

The committee that presented the new car to Rev. Friesen consisted of Mr. J. F. Unrau, Rosenfeld; Mr. G. P. Bergman, Plum Coulee; and Mr. G. P. Friesen, Grétna.

UPSET PERCOLATER FATALLY SCALDS GIRL

Myra Catherine Kehler, 14-month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kehler, Altona, Man., was fatally burned when she upset a percolater of boiling coffee while playing near a hot-plate on Friday, Sept. 16. Although she was immediately rushed to the local hospital, she passed away on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 17.

Funeral services were held in the Altona Sommerfelder church on Thursday, Sept. 22.

Five of the six candidates baptized by Bro. Wirsche and Bro. J. A. Loewen in the San Juan River were Chocoanos. They were Alejandro Murillo, a married man, and a carpenter by profession; Beltran Valencia, a married man, and currently driver of the mission launch; Cruz Dorila Mosquera, daughter of the local police inspector and student at the Bible Institute at Armenia for a year; Evangelina Ibarguen, student at the mission day school at La Cumbre for the past two years; and Sabina Murillo, a local working girl. The sixth candidate was Allen Stanley Wirsche, the oldest son of missionary D. A. Wirsche.

The village and its environs was deeply moved by the baptismal service, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The many visitors left convinced of the Lord's presence and blessing.

Looking back to the day that marked the establishment of the local church at Noanama, the workers are humbly grateful to God and the praying churches at home for the victories won.



Baptismal candidates at Noanama. L. to R.: Allen Wirsche, Sabina Murillo, Evangelina Ibarguen, Cruz Dorila Mosquera, Beltran Valencia, Alejandro Murillo.

Editorial

Possessing the Land

When God said to Joshua, "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you", he didn't give Joshua a task that could be done by a man satisfied with the pasture-land of Moab. Neither was it a task for a man who longed for the leeks, the garlic, and the flesh-pots of Egypt. Nor would it be done by a man who preferred sitting under his fig tree to the heat and noise of battle.

And when today God calls to us in Christian publishing, "Possess the land", we cannot fail. In a world where the literacy rate is climbing steadily and where the Laubach method of teaching the illiterate to read is creating undreamed-of opportunities for the spreading of the Gospel by the printed page, we must meet the challenge.

Communism, with its attractive pamphlets, magazines, and cheap books, is marching to possess the land. False cults are publishing, displaying, and peddling a steadily-mounting volume of literature at home and abroad. But so far evangelical Christianity has been falling behind in the race for gaining the reading populace of the world.

Here at home the minds of our children and young people are being poisoned by comics, westerns, thrillers, and racy novels. And when Mennonite parents grow concerned (as too few do); they try to give the best available literature (and some of it is very good) to their children. But the sad part is that so very little comes from Mennonite sources. Yet this is understandable in view of our woefully inadequate efforts in the field of literature.

To help fill this need we have started this newspaper. If we had been desirous of smooth sailing, we would have continued the status quo. If we had been interested in a paying proposition, we would never have started this paper. And if we had only our own strength to rely upon, we would have stayed at home.

But, with God enabling us, we want to regain some of the lost territory for God. By the grace of God we want to possess other land for God before Satan claims it. And, having possessed it, we want to spread the fragrance of the knowledge of God, a "fragrance from life to life".

Through the Looking - Glass

Is There a Trend?

The statistics indicating that only 4 of the 449 graduates of our Mennonite high schools, for whom data is available, have gone into mission work, raise questions. Particularly is this true when they are examined in the light of Christ's commission to His disciples to "be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Have the good pay, the social security, and the regular vacations of the "respectable" professions dimmed our missionary vision?

Has this recently-opened door to higher education also opened the door to materialism?

Or, as some insist, has the door only been opened to a new phase of evangelization by infiltration?

To go back to the statistics. As given at the M.B. Canadian Conference at Coaldale by Peter F. Bergen, they reveal that, of these 449 graduates of our Mennonite high schools, 194 have become teachers, 35 nurses, 19 are doctors or studying medicine, 9 are engineers or studying engineering, and 25 are farmers.

Some would say that these figures augur well for the future, and that these young people with sound Christian character and biblical ideals are infiltrating the professional-workers' class with a witness for Christ.

Others, looking at these figures from the viewpoint of an expanding missionary program, ask, "How many of these trained young people are answering the cry of mission boards for professionally-trained workers? And how many are leaving the comforts of the home district to be a witness in isolated areas where there is no other gospel witness? And why, as the statistics reveal, are so few studying at Bible Colleges, a first step for missionary preparation?"

If there is cause for concern, as some think there is, would it not be wise to reconsider our goals for private high schools? Is there not a need for a renewed emphasis that the building of Christian character, the giving of biblical ideals, and the deepening of spiritual life, are but the means to an end—the evangelization of the world?

Simply wondering.

(Discussion of this problem, and others, is invited, Ed.)

Devotional

"Learn of Me"

Dr. G. D. Huebert *

This is the time of the year when young people are responding to the invitation of educators to enter the halls of learning. The many vocational schools are laying a good foundation for a successful professional life, and the value of such training institutions cannot be denied. Often, however, we are so pre-occupied with the important things of life, that we are in danger of neglecting the most important matters—those reaching even into the Beyond.

Certainly it is of great value to have good instructors who are training us for this life. But it is of vastly greater importance to learn of Christ, who not only prepares us for this life but also for eternity.

There are many reasons why we should learn of Christ. His knowledge is infinite, unlimited, because He is omniscient, all-knowing. His knowledge is not partial; it is absolute and complete. That which took place in the past, that which is happening at the present, and that which will transpire in the future is known to Him. His knowledge is not limited to the tangible; the invisible is also known to Him. He knows the secrets, the motives, of the human heart.

The Apostle Peter, who had been a student and a close observer of Christ for about three years, testified, "Lord, thou knowest all things" (John 21:17). A wise and educated teacher appeals to his students, but Jesus knows ALL things. He is the source of all knowledge, and therefore it behooves us to learn of Him.

Not only Christ's wisdom, but also his moral excellence of character challenges us to learn of Him. He is meek and lowly of heart (Matt. 11:29). A teacher may know much, but if he has moral flaws in his character he cannot be trusted to exert a wholesome influence upon his students. However, we may place complete trust in Jesus, for He so molds the thinking and the lives of His followers, that they become useful servants of God and of man.

That which we learn of Jesus has a permanent value. Text-books, scientific reference books, and all other books have to be improved and revised constantly. This reveals their temporal value. But the words that Jesus spoke, and the doctrines that He taught, are profitable and remain true for time and eternity. Christ said concerning His message, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63). In the same discourse Peter testifies, "Lord, to

whom shall we go? thou hast words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God" (John 6:68, 69). Truly, His words have an infinite significance, and we do well if we heed them.

And what then can we learn of Christ? Certainly it is important that we become intimately acquainted with the person of Christ. And we should know who we are in His eyes. But we should also know the possibility of a Christ-like life.

Paul testifies concerning the deity of Christ, "In him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" (Col. 2:9). Christ declares His humanity when He says, "The son of man must suffer many things and be rejected..." (Luke 9:22). And in the epistle to Titus the Apostle Paul speaks of Christ as our Saviour, when he writes, "Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour" (Titus 1:4). Overwhelmed with the person of Jesus Christ, and what He means to the Christian, Paul writes, "Christ Jesus... is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption" (I Cor. 1:30).

Having been redeemed and made righteous, the Christian may tap the resources of heavenly wisdom, apply them to his daily tasks, and thereby learn to live a sanctified, Christ-like life. In that way the mind of Christ will find an outward expression in his conduct (Phil. 2:5), and people will take knowledge of him that he has been with Jesus (Acts 4:13).

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MCC

at Portage la Prairie

Peter Dyck

During the last summer 16 young Mennonites have ministered to the needy at the Manitoba Home for the Mentally Retarded at Portage la Prairie. Many of them students, these workers are endeavoring to serve humanity while they earn money to continue studies in the various colleges.

Coming from Canada and the United States, these workers in the MCC voluntary service unit represent the Mennonites (Old), United Missionary Church, General Conference Church, Mennonite Brethren Church, the Brethren in Christ, Christian Workers, and the Berghaler. Such work certainly furthers understanding and toleration of the various Mennonite groups.

After Hours

Fellowship and service go hand in hand in this unit. Regular devotional meetings once a week strengthen the spiritual life of everyone. Singing, giving testimonies, and studying God's Word, in which they lead alternately in a study of James and I John; they have grown in the inward man. And service is provided by the evangelical churches of Portage la Prairie, who invite the MCC workers to serve in Sunday School and in group singing. Yes, and there is fellowship too with the members of these churches in the prayer meetings and Bible study periods.

Relaxation and recreation is found in the Portage la Prairie parks, with baseball and canoeing the favourite sports.

Its Value

An interview with Br. Henry Warkentin of Kitchener, Ont., provided the answer to why some young people enter this service year after year, for he himself was serving in Voluntary Service for the second year.

According to Bro. Warkentin, this type of service is ideal for students looking for an opportunity to serve and witness for Christ. If they come prepared to witness to patients and staff they will find ample opportunity to do so.

"Very often we see no improvement after our work", Bro. Warkentin stated. "Sometimes they even seem to get worse. However, there are a few who give up bad habits, such as swearing. We try to win the patients and tell them about Jesus Christ, but they do not seem to grasp it. Possibly this is because most of them were born mentally deficient."

Asked if he would recommend this type of service to other young Christians, he declared, "I think a summer spent like this would do

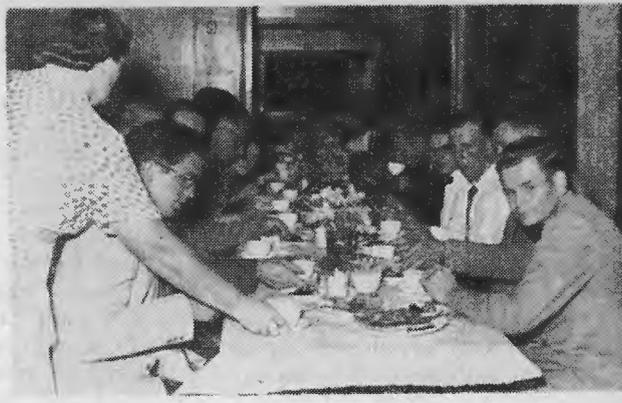


Lunch at Ontario Teachers' Convention.

On right picture, at extreme right, John M. Thiessen, chairman.

On left picture, l.t.r., H. Petkau, reporter for the "Observer", and Rev. J. J. Toews, guest speaker.

(Photos by W. Penner.)



any Christian good. My faith has been definitely strengthened, for the day to day problems have helped me to become more steadfast in faith and character. And I feel that the needs of these unfortunate people must be met."

Teacher's Conference in Paraguay

Immediately after the Jubilee celebration in Philadelphia in early July the teachers of Paraguay met for a conference in which the colonies of Volendam, Friesland, Menno, Neuland, and Fernheim were represented. Lectures and practical demonstrations of lesson procedure dealt with various aspects of teaching.

Dalmeny Promotes Christian Education

"The most neglected and forgotten mission field to-day is the public school of our land", Mr. G. J. Thiessen, superintendent of schools of the Blaine Lake constituency, declared at a welcome service for teachers in the Dalmeny, Sask., M.B. Church, Sunday evening, Sept. 11.

"Christian teachers who have met God, like Moses at the burning bush, are needed for service in our schools," he added.

Mr. Thiessen, who has been active in education for 25 years, spoke to members of the Dalmeny community at a meeting at which rural and local teachers testified concerning the challenge to a Christian witness in their work. Rural teachers present were Annette Unger, Mennon; Helen Unruh, Warman; and H. Janzen, Willow Lake. Local teachers who spoke briefly were John Pauls, principal, Mrs. Pauls, Miss Isaac, Miss Litke, Norman Janzen, and Ben Nesdoly.

"If God called cutters of stone in Old Testament times, He certainly calls molders of children's lives." Superintendent Thiessen emphasized.

The service was the second annual occasion arranged by the Dalmeny E. M. B. and M. B. Churches for the promotion of Christian Education.

Church at Malakpet after 40 Years

J. H. Lohrenz

Although the M.B. Mission was forced to vacate Malakpet, a suburb of Hyderabad, in 1914, there have always been Christians in this area. For several years Rev. Pankratzen rented a house for B. Ram-sen, an Indian minister of the Gospel. Since his death we have visited the area time and again to hold street-meetings.

Lately the doors have been opening again in Malakpet; where among 300,000 residents there is no mission station or church. More and more M.B. church members have moved there, so that for the last three years there have been regular church services and Sunday School. There are now possibly a total of 100 Christians living in Malakpet and its environs.

Property acquired

About two years ago the Lord laid it upon our heart to pray for a church in this area. We also started looking for a suitable location. One day the Lord drew my attention to some property adjoining our old mission station on the north side. When I asked the police-official who owned it if he would sell it, he was willing to sell it to us. Overjoyed and hardly trusting my ears, I drove home. This family is part of the family unit that made it impossible for our mission to remain in the area in 1914. Shortly thereafter we bought this property from his wife, in whose name it was registered. How wonderful are God's ways and past finding out.

This property is separated from our former mission station by only a low brick wall. And with the property we got a small house in which services are being held temporarily. I have been told that a former owner of this house built it ostensibly as a house of prayer, so that he could complain that the services at our mission interfered with his prayers. Today we are using the house for the worship of God and the proclamation of His Word.

Situated on the paved highway leading out of the city to Deverakonda, and near to the large highway leading to Nalgonda, this property is ideally situated for a

church. In a quiet locality, it has electricity and a water main close by. Certainly a strategic place for a mission station.

A Church Building Begun

On the seventh of June we received the building permit to build a church, 12 days after we handed in our application. This is unheard of in Hyderabad. In fact, the former owner even helped us in obtaining it. This was truly an answer to prayer.

The foundation is finished and the walls are going up for the church. We hope to have the church, a structure 60' by 32', finished by the end of November. Until then I am daily occupied with some phase of the building program.

Being built in honour of the first 15 missionaries and the indigenous workers on this station, this church shall be to the glory of God and as a remembrance of these workers. Financial support for this building is received through a special fund set up for this purpose by the Mission Board. Everyone interested may have a part in this work of the Lord.

The native church, who will be given this church later on, are gathering funds to furnish the church. We trust that they will be able to gather enough for this purpose.

We are convinced that this is the work of the Lord and that he will complete it for His glory. We would like to call upon all of you to remember us and this work in your prayers.

Bible School Announces New Course

When classes begin on October 11 at the East Chilliwack Bible School the faculty plans to introduce a new eight months course. Designed to give more intensive and prolonged study, the course is a step forward in finding a solution for the current Bible School decline.

The staff at the East Chilliwack Bible School includes Rev. G. Thielman, principal; Mr. Hugo Jantz, and Mr. Jake Friesen, both graduates of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College.

It Pays to be a Christian

By Mamo, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

It was Sunday afternoon and I was hurrying to a football game, but when I heard someone shout my name, I stopped and turned to see who called. It was Mulu, my chum from school.

"Oh, Mamo, I'm glad you waited," Mulu said breathlessly as he caught up with me. "I'm on my way to Sunday School now and I would like you to go with me. That is why I called to you." He looked at me expectantly. "You will come, won't you, Mamo?" he begged.

At first Mulu's invitation made me cross. I had heard about this Sunday School class before and had even been invited to it by another friend. But instead of going, I had scoffed and made fun of it, even tearing pages out of my friend's Bible.

I didn't want to go, but something about Mulu's kind, friendly invitation made me say "Yes." "All right, Mulu," I said, "because you have invited me, I will go. But I will not promise to go another time."

I did go to Sunday School—that time and many more times. We studied the Gospel of Mark. I had not known the Bible could be so interesting. Since I had no Bible of my own, Mulu would sit with me and let me read his.

After our study in Mark, the teacher began to tell us about great Christian men. When I heard the story of Martin Luther, I wanted to be a man of God like him. But I knew inside that I was a sinner. I knew my heart was all wrong; so though no one asked me to receive Christ, after attending only six times, I accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour. That changed my life.

Since that day, I have never again spent money on the cinema. I am no longer even interested in it. Never before had I read a Bible, but now I want to read and study it for myself.

"Mulu, may I borrow your Bible?" I asked one day. "I would like to take it home and read it."

My friend shook his head. He remembered what I had done to other Bibles in the past. "No, Mamo, I must refuse. I do not want my Bible destroyed, too."

But now that I was saved, my days of teasing and making fun of my Christian friends were over. For now I was one of them.

For two years I attended the Sunday School and also the Daily Vacation Bible School. I studied my Bible to learn more of the Lord and my salvation. I went to school and tried to tell the other

boys about Jesus, but they only made fun of me.

Although they are separated, I sent my parents a New Testament. Already it has helped them, and when I come home on holidays, we three are all together. On one visit, I told my mother that Christ would come back again. Even as I talked, she wept. I trust that she, too, has found the Lord.

Later I was transferred to a technical school. When the boys there found out that some of us were Christians, they became angry with us. Everywhere we went we heard our nickname, "Preacher," shouted at us. They would even beat us.

(To be concluded)
"African Challenge,
Mail Bag, Lagos, Nigeria."

Evangelism At Starbuck

The community hall of Starbuck, Man., was almost filled on Saturday evening, September 17, as the young people of the Elmwood M.B. church climaxed the summer's open-air meetings with a rally.

Speaker for the evening was Rev. John M. Schmidt, city missionary, and speaker on the "Gospel Light Hour". A film, "Missionary to Walker's Garage", was shown by Rev. A. A. Kroeker. Music was supplied by the choir of the Elmwood M.B. church and the quartet from the "Gospel Light Hour". Mrs. John Froese sang the invitation song.

It is expected that the open-air services will be resumed next spring.

Edward Enns Ordained

On Sunday, September 11, Mr. Edward Enns, Winnipeg, was ordained as minister in the Bethel Mission church by Bishop Benjamin Ewert, Bishop Isaac Friesen, and Bishop Wilhelm Enns.

Rev. Enns is to be principal at the Bethel Bible School in Abbotsford, B.C., where he will also be active in youth work.

WIEBE — KRAUSE

Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Krause, Dalmeny, and Mr. Herman Wiebe, son of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Wiebe, Strawberry Hill, B.C., were married in the M.B. church at Dalmeny, Sask., on Sept. 16, 1955. Rev. George Dick officiated.

WOMAN FALLS OUT OF CAR

When Mrs. Kehler of Clarkleigh, Man., leaned heavily against the rear door of the car on her way home from church, the door opened, throwing Mrs. Kehler out of the vehicle. Rushed to the Clarkleigh Hospital, she was found to have a dislocated shoulder and other serious injuries.

Do You Like Writing?

It always takes some time until a new venture can become thoroughly organized. However, we trust that we will be able to build up a children's page in which material specially designed for children will provide reading material for the younger set.

It is not only our desire to offer the children some Christian reading material that motivates our desire to use one page for the children's material. We are also anxious to help those who like to write but do not know who will publish it.

We hope that all of those who make up their own stories for their Sunday School classes and other children's work will write some of them down and send them to us. We are also looking for short devotional articles for children. And if you write poetry for children, please send it to us also.

If in your work you find material that is not copyrighted and suitable for our children we would be delighted if you sent it to us.

CHURCHES GROW

— The Herbert, Sask., M.B. church had the joy of seeing five young people following the Lord in baptism on August 28.

— The Arnold, B.C., Mennonite Brethren church had a baptismal service in Yarrow on September 4. Candidates were Elfr. Neumann, Katie Loewen, Emilie Schroeder, Martha Bartel, Lydia Schroeder, and Lydia Dyck.

— Four candidates followed the Lord in baptism at the Matsqui, B.C., M.B. church on Sunday, September 18. Rev. H. Dueck of Greendale, B.C., delivered the message and baptized the candidates.

At a special communion service in the evening the newly baptized candidates were received into the church. Rev. Isaac Janzen of South Abbotsford conducted the service.

Those receiving baptism were Mrs. Janzen and her twin sons, Carl and Ed., and John Peters.

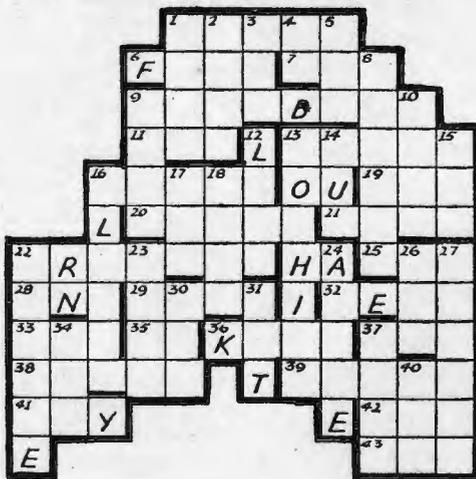
Harvest Festival At Lena

The M.B. church at Lena, Manitoba, observed its thanksgiving festival on Sunday, Sept. 18. Rev. J. H. Quiring, pastor of the Winkler M.B. church, was the guest speaker for the day.

It is not the amount that the individual sets aside for the Lord that counts, but the attitude of the one giving, he declared. His morning message was based on Proverbs 3:9-10, and his afternoon message on the theme of missions had I Cor. 15:58 as its text.

An abundant harvest in the district made everyone thankful. This reflected itself in the offerings received, which totaled \$1,693.

PONTIUS PILATE, THE ROMAN GOVERNOR



- Clues Across**
- Pilate's wife had this.
 - To be afraid.
 - In what manner?
 - Another prisoner held by Pilate.
 - Before.
 - We smell with these.
 - Girl's name.
 - Worn on head.
 - Governor always released a prisoner at this.
 - Depend on.
 - Planned to have Jesus put to death.
 - Make cloth a new colour.
 - Country hotel.
 - Outlook; scene.
 - Scotch dance.

- Boy.
 - French for "he".
 - "Art Thou the — of the Jews?"
 - Part of church.
 - Conduct; show way.
 - Attempt.
 - Road vehicle.
 - Sky, jumbled.
 - priest and elders, Jews answered —
 - Belonging to us.
 - Pig's home.
 - Window coverings.
 - Boy's name, short.
 - Behind time; not punctual.
 - Jesus bound and taken to him.
 - Wrongdoing; sin.
 - Debate.
 - Yes.
 - Planned to have Jesus put to death.
 - French for "island."
 - Smartness; cleverness.
 - We breathe this.
 - Pluck fruit.
 - Morning, noon and night.
- Clues Down**
- Expensive; costly.
 - Uncommon; unusual.
 - Period of time.
 - Exclamation.
 - Unruly crowd.
 - Pilate — his hands.
 - Variety of meat.
 - Sea animal.
 - Girl.
 - Accused by

They Brought Good News

By Mildred Bishop Jorgenson

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Chapter One.

The leaves of tall cottonwoods across the street from Burwell College campus rattled noisily with only the slightest stirring of warm, evening air of early June. The rays of a street lamp below reflected on the shiny leaves of a planting of sumac. This light sparkled and twinkled in the eyes of two young people as they approached and stopped beside the rustic iron bench secluded in the bower of sumac.

David Nielsen, having left his place of employment, had gone to the student post office to meet Evangeline Carter, just as they had previously arranged it. Evangeline had been playing tennis that afternoon and was still carrying her tennis racket as she swung along at the side of her tall, young escort. David was deep in thought. It was at this very spot, a generation before, that his mother had given Dad her promise to be his lifelong companion.

Only recently David's mother had related to him many of the sacred memories of life at Burwell College and David had been greatly impressed, so much so that he had been reliving them in his imagination during the past few days. Was it the hand of fate that was leading him to this place? David knew that it was not that. He knew very definitely that there was a hand, and that it was God's hand. To his mind's eye had come the picture of his mother in her youthful days—then Eleanor Jarrell. She had graduated from Burwell before she was twenty and had obtained a teaching position in the small Scandinavian town of Runsvold.

During that period of girlhood, in which most young ladies give attention to making themselves attractive, Eleanor had been so busy developing an inner spiritual beauty that she had given little thought to her personal appearance. Her tailored, drab-colored dresses were always neat, but their severe lines made her look much older.

Her soft brown eyes were hidden by disfiguring dark rimmed glasses. Her auburn hair was held too tightly to encourage its tendency to curl, as it primly covered her ears and was gathered in a braided knot at the back of her head. She was slight of stature, almost frail looking, and the creaminess of her complexion was often taken by the unobserving to be the pallor of ill health. The verdict of the community had been that the new literature teacher was "plain looking but mighty pleasant and sensible."

David recalled the thrill his mother had expressed as she told of that first morning of her teaching career. Sitting at her desk, she looked up with the sweet smile which transformed her plain little face, at the tall young Dane who was coming toward her with his characteristic, deliberate stride. His answering smile showed teeth which seemed a more dazzling white in contrast to his deeply tanned face. Her smile was reflected in his intense blue eyes, above which Eleanor caught a glimpse of smooth light brown hair.

Eleanor Jarrell had never been interested in men. It is doubtful if she had ever considered falling in love, but as she listened to Eric's whimsical drawl, which made everything he said seem more important or more amusing than it really was, the little teacher had been conscious of a new sensation within. And so had begun an unusual friendship.

Eleanor soon learned that Eric's schooling had often been interrupted by work and by the frequent moving of the uncle with whom he had lived since the death of his parents. He had not looked forward to his last year in high school, for he was already nineteen and seemed older because of the responsibilities he had shared with his uncle in providing for his own sister and six small cousins.

Suddenly, however, his attitude had changed. Even Latin, under the new teacher's enthusiastic presentation, became a pleasant adventure.

At every opportunity Eleanor witnessed to the saving grace of her Lord. She lost no time in starting a high school Bible class and soon it was attended by more than half of the students. Eric even enjoyed this class, although it apparently made no great impression on him. He had followed all the ordinances of his church, had no bad habits, and not considering himself a sinner, felt no need of being saved. Being so religious was all right for older people like "Miss J," as she was affectionately called by all her students, but he was too young to be so serious. While other seniors had accepted Christ as their Saviour and were making plans for college training which would fit them for Christian service, Eric was going on in his quiet, indifferent way. Eleanor's heart had been heavy as the school year came to a close, with her prayers for his salvation still unanswered.

(To be continued)



L. to R., Rev. I. T. Ewert, Rev. Gerhard Epp, Mrs. John Epp, Rev. John Epp, Rev. Henry Penner.
(Photo by George G. Epp)

John Epp Ordained

Ordination services were held on Sunday, Sept. 4, in the St. Catharines M.B. church for Mr. and Mrs. John Epp. Mr. Epp, mission worker at the Coldwater Mission, Coldwater, Ont., was ordained into the ministry.

Guest speaker at the service was Rev. Isaac Ewert, Kitchener, chairman of the Ontario M.B. Conference. Rev. Henry Penner, pastor of the local church, and Rev. Gerhard Epp, father of John Epp, also spoke briefly and officiated at the ordination. After the ordination Rev. John Epp spoke briefly on Gal. 1:15-16.

MENNO VISITS QUITO

David Nightingale

(2nd Installment)

Admittedly, there was a bit of a tug at Menno's heart as he began with the necessary preparations for the journey to Quito, Ecuador. There was such a confusing maze of things to be looked after. The affairs of the berry farm had to be planned for a month in advance; a substitute had to be found for his boy's class in Sunday School—and then there was so much to be done in connection with the passport and the visa, that it would have stopped Menno if he hadn't possessed so much courage and determination. * * *

He had already received the passport and proudly drew it from his small, leather portfolio and slowly and carefully went from page to page, as he had done many times since this strange document had come into his possession, for today he was to obtain the visa.

Things seemed to go wrong right from the start. His car broke down on the way to the city, and when he finally stood before the Ecuadorian consul's door it was ten minutes to five. He knew that the office closed at five o'clock.

"Yes?" came the impatient query from the stern-looking man behind the large desk.

"Good afternoon, sir! I beg your pardon for being so late, but I would like to obtain a visa for Ecuador," answered Menno, as politely and as evenly as possible.

"You are very late—show me your passport!"

The strong Spanish accent made it a little difficult for Menno to understand, but with great satisfaction he handed the man his passport. But the evident haste of the official worried him somewhat. He seemed altogether too anxious to leave the office at closing time.

While looking at the second page of the passport, the consul suddenly rose from his chair, and pointing to the second line, stated abruptly, "It is impossible to issue a visa for you!"

Menno's eyes blinked and his heart sank within him as he read the words, "Place of birth, Russia."

(To be continued.)

THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT ALTONA, MANITOBA

Harvest and Thanksgiving services were held in the Bergthaler church in Altona, Man., on Sunday, Sept. 18. Guest speakers during the morning service were Rev. P. Klassen, Halbstadt, and Rev. I. Krahn, Kane.

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Religion in Schools

In an effort to get around the U.S. Supreme Court decision which in effect forbids religion in school, the Indianapolis Board of Education has included topics dealing with America's religious heritage in the social studies curriculum for the seventh and eighth grades. The materials in this curriculum were drafted by a committee of Protestants, Roman Catholics, Christian Scientists, and Jews. They want to instruct the children in religion without teaching any sectarian religious doctrine.

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Now Invalid Can Hear Service

Last Easter Joyce Miedema, 22, heard her church's Easter service for the first time in her life. An invalid since birth, she became the first shut-in of the First Reformed church of Roseland to have a direct line communication system installed in her home from the church. This unusual idea is being tried on an experimental basis.

Cost for the receiving set is \$62; installation is \$10; line rental is \$4.00 per month plus additional charges if the home is at a distance from the church.

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Billy Graham to Toronto

Billy Graham and his evangelistic team began the Greater To-

ronto Evangelistic Campaign on Sunday, September 18, in the Coliseum.

Four weeks prior to the start of the crusade a house-to-house drive was begun to enlist prayer support for the month-long meetings. The objective was a daily prayer-meeting in every block.

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Bibles Distributed

During a three-year period about 100,000 Bible-less Negro homes in Mississippi are to receive Bibles. Already 24,000 have been distributed by the Women's Missionary Union of the Mississippi Baptist Convention since last October. The World Home Bible League donates the Bibles.

Although the Bibles are primarily for Negro homes, anyone asking for one will be given a Bible.

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Missionary Radio in Korea

Missionary Tom Watson, Jr., director of the Evangelical Alliance Mission's proposed radio station in South Korea, recently purchased property. The 20,000 watt long-wave station will beam the Gospel behind the "bamboo curtain" in the various languages of those countries. The broadcasting equipment is being manufactured and assembled by International Radio of Elkhart, Ind., a Christian electronics company.

IMPORT CURBS REMOVED

It is welcome news to western farmers that U.S. import curbs on oats and barley will come off on September 30, 1955. But Canadian officials are still concerned over American restrictions on imports of rye, dairy products, and the U.S. "giveaway" wheat program which, they say, has hampered Canadian wheat sales in overseas markets.

There are still many countries with no "import curbs" on the Gospel. Are we "exporting" the good news of salvation before here also there will be "import curbs"?

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Federal Help Urged in Slum Clearance

The Winnipeg city housing committee in a resolution asked the Federal government to aid Winnipeg in its slum removal. The slum area, bounded by Main and Sherbrook St., and Notre Dame Ave. and the CPR yards, was surveyed house to house by the committee. The committee called for demolition of blighted areas and new regulations to prevent the spread of slum conditions.

What are we as Christians doing to prevent slums—and help those already there?



STORE YOUR GRAIN SAFELY

This year, western farmers are faced with the problem of storing large quantities of grain on the farm. Past experience has shown that grain can be stored safely on farms in Western Canada.

Important Facts. Grain that is binned dry and kept dry will not spoil. Make sure, then, that any building you use for storing grain is not only structurally sound, but also weatherproof, ratproof, and birdproof. Walls and floors of old granaries or buildings should first be thoroughly cleaned, and then sprayed with a good "Mill Oil Spray", "Lindane", or other recommended insecticide. It pays well to clean grain before putting it in storage. And all farm-stored grain should be examined at frequent intervals (every two weeks) for the detection of insect infestations, and moist, moldy or caking grain.

Emergency Storage. Grain can be stored in the open without excessive loss. Important points are: (1) Choose a well-drained location. (2) Keep the grain off the ground and away from soil moisture. (3) Line the inside of any fencing used with a good moisture-proof paper. (4) Build each pile up into a uniform cone, making sure that no "trough" is left at the fence for the accumulation of moisture. (5) No grain pile should contain more than 3,000 bushels.

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The World Today

UNO IN SESSION

United Nations delegates opened the 10th General Assembly of the United Nations on September 20 at its headquarters near New York. Controversial questions which may trouble the delegates are the quarrel of Greece and Turkey over Cyprus, Red China's claim to a UN seat, and a fight for a Security Council seat between Poland and the Philippines. Despite this, the atmosphere is described as "optimistic".

The delegates might do well to read chapters two to four in the book of Acts to see the real basis for a "United Nations" organization.

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PERON DEPOSED

Of special interest to all Mennonites is the news of the rebellion in Argentina. According to reports President Juan Peron is on a Paraguayan gunship in the harbour at Buenos Aires, while the harbour is blockaded by the navy. Maj.-Gen. Eduardo Lonardi, one of the rebel leaders, has formed a provisional government. All political prisoners have already been freed.

Political upheavals always affect the religious life of a country, and in this instance the Catholics are very much a part of the rebellion, after Peron's attacks upon them. What will be the fate of the Mennonites worshipping at the MCC mission? At times like these all Christians need to pray for the cause of missions in Argentina.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AID SEMINARY

The Knights of Columbus in Quebec have launched a \$300,000 subscription campaign to aid the Grand Seminary (Catholic) of St. Boniface, Man. This is to bring the capacity of the Seminary to 100 students.

The Catholics are pushing their Seminary building program. Are we making equal efforts in behalf of our Bible Colleges? Or are we going to stand idly by while the Catholics move ahead?

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FOUR-DAY WEEK IS ADVOCATED

A forecast of a labor demand for a four-day, 32-hour week as the long-range answer to the increased use of machinery in industry was made by W. J. Smith, president of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees.

Will less work bring more production? Or more idleness and sin?

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LAST STREET-CAR OFF TRACKS

Winnipeg saw her last street-car move down Portage Ave. and Main St. on Monday, Sept. 19. New trolley and diesel busses will replace the street-cars.

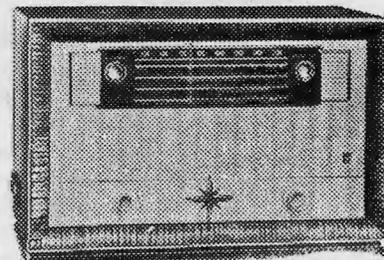
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Tabor College

Students, alumni, and friends of Tabor College gathered on the college campus on Sunday, September 11, to celebrate the forty-eighth annual Opening Festival of the school. Rev. Cornelius Wall, dean of the European Mennonite Bible School of Basel, Switzerland, was the guest speaker at morning and evening sessions.

The opening-day activities of the afternoon included a musicale by four members of the Fine Arts Department faculty and the annual Fellowship Tea, sponsored by the college Alumni Association.

Rev. Wall spoke on the subject "The Primary Goal of Christian Education" at the morning session in the Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Church.

Music for the services was furnished by the Tabor College Choir under the direction of Herbert C. Richert, professor of voice, and the College Choraliers, directed by Miss Ruth Bixel, professor of organ and music theory. This was the initial appearance of the school-year for both of these groups.

227 students were enrolled at Tabor College as of Friday, September 16. Professor S. L. Loewen, registrar, in releasing the figures, stated that the final total should be somewhat above 230 by October 1, which is the official date for release of fall semester enrollment statistics.

Said President Frank C. Peters: "We have enrolled a very fine student body, with a greater pre-dominance of graduates from our church academies. We feel that this fact will manifest itself in the general spirit of the school."

Balzer Returns from Choral Art Workshop

Cornelius Balzer, conductor of the North Kildonan M. B. church choir, returned recently from San Diego, Calif., where he attended a workshop in choral art during the summer.

Under the direction of the distinguished conductor Robert Shaw and the eminent pianist and musicologist Julius Herford, the workshop culminated in the rendition of Bach's "The Saint Matthew Passion" by the workshop chorus and the San Diego Symphony Orchestra.

On his return trip Mr. Balzer visited friends and relatives in British Columbia and Saskatchewan before returning to Winnipeg.

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Daily Vacation Bible Schoolpupils in session at the Niagara Christian Fellowship Chapel, and pupils at Port Rowan, Ont., Daily Vacation Bible School.



D.V.B.S. in Ontario

John A. Enns

During the past summer 83 young people served in 23 Daily Vacation Bible Schools in Ontario, reaching a total of 1271 children. Seven of these children are reported to have accepted Christ as Saviour. These teachers also visited 206 homes, reading the Bible wherever possible.

Eleven years ago Bro. Henry Penner and Bro. John Andres, members of the M.B. church in Vineland, organized a Daily Vacation Bible School. At the same time, unknown to the above, Bro. Abram Block and Bro. Herman Voth, teachers at the Eden Bible School, arranged a similar project near Virgil as a practical work outlet for their students. Later this work was taken over by the Home Mission Board of the Ontario M.B. Conference.

In the conference project 59 teachers taught in 21 schools. In addition the Niagara Christian Fellowship Chapel, an extension work of the Virgil M.B. church, conducted D.V.B.S. with 20 local teachers and 250 children, and the Port Rowan Mission Sunday School conducted D.V.B.S. with an enrollment of 55 children.

Increased Enrollment AT M. B. C. I.

The M.B. Collegiate Institute of Winnipeg, Man., opened its doors on Sept. 15 with an increased enrollment in the high school. Its opening festival will take place at 7 p.m. on Sunday, October 2, in the Elmwood M.B. church in Winnipeg.

Junior high school is being taught at M.B.C.I. this year for the first time, with 39 students in grades 7 and 8. The high school enrollment has increased to 124, with grade 12 registering the largest gain.

Even though it is situated in Winnipeg, one third of the students at M.B.C.I. are rural. The girls room and board in the M.B. C.I. dormitory on Talbot Ave., and the boys room in various homes in the city, but have their meals at the dormitory.

For the opening festival music

will be supplied by the choir and a concert choir. An orchestral ensemble will also play. They will be under the direction of Bro. Rudy Boschman, music director at M.B.C.I.

The Gospel in Winnipegosis

Harry Loewen

We greet you with the words of our dear Lord and Saviour found in Acts 1:8, "And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Since Winnipeg (Elmwood M. B. church) became our Jerusalem where we were at home, we consider Winnipegosis, Man., as "Judea", where we are to witness for Jesus Christ. As most of you know we are new in this work and also in this community. And yet we can say to the honour of God that He has given us much grace to overcome many seeming impossibilities.

The Mission Station

The mission work in Winnipegosis is not new. At present we have approximately 29 baptized members, a Sunday School, in which most of the children have given their heart to the Lord (that is, of those who come every Sunday), and also some adults who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, but who are not baptized as yet.

Our services in Winnipegosis include Bible Study, prayer and choir practice, every Friday night. Then on Saturday evenings during the summer months we hold street-meetings here in town. A P.A. system enables us to reach many people with the gospel.

We have communion service every first Sunday of the month and every third Sunday there is a youth rally.

Extension Work

On top of the personal work, house visitations, and regular services here in town we are also conducting services at different homes and towns. Every other Sunday afternoon we go to Ukraina, about 22 miles from here, and conduct services in a school among Ukrainian people. These

meetings are evangelistic in character. After some time we also want to continue the work that Brother Peter Martens started in Ethelbert and McCreary.

We don't want to give you the impression that we are doing the mission work alone in this community. By no means, for our group of believers is standing faithfully behind the work and the cause of Christ.

If you have Winnipegosis on your prayer-list, which I know some of you do, please pray for fruit in this field.

Witness in the Slums of Calgary

J. A. Froese

"And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." Luke 14:23. As the people in our Lord's time on earth tarried on the highways and sat along the hedges, so men and women today exist in the "skid row" of our cities.

The Mennonite Brethren Conference of Alberta is doing a little through their "Gospel Light Mission" in Calgary to reach these people with the Gospel. In the tract distribution, personal contact, and street-meetings the Lord blesses His Word. Many times we have seen the Holy Spirit stir the hearts of men and women and, praise the Lord, some have been saved. Through Sunday School we are also seeking to reach the boys and girls, even though our effort seems so insignificant in view of the need.

Even though Calgary has not been blessed with a Union Gospel Mission like many other cities, the Lord is still working in our midst. Brother Larry Foss, a Baptist from Chicago with experience in the Pacific Garden Mission of Chicago, has been directed by the Lord to this field in Calgary. The Lord is moving the hearts of believers, and we trust that by the time winter sets in Calgary will have a mission where lost men and women may come at all times to hear the Word of God and experience the love that can flow only from a heart that knows Jesus Christ.



The picture on the left shows some of the guests and speakers at the dedication of the Ailsa Craig Boys' Farm on Sept. 10. L. to R., Bishop J. B. Martin, Waterloo; Stanley Crow, Toronto; Edward G. Snyder, Preston; William Waters, Parkhill; C. J. Rempel, Kitchener; Tom Patrick, M.P.P., Kitchener. The picture on the right shows the home on the Boys' Farm. (Photo by C. J. Rempel.)

Elmwood Hosts Baxter

J. Sidlow Baxter, noted Bible expositor from Edinburgh, Scotland, spoke at the Elmwood M.B. church from Sunday evening, Sept. 11, to Friday evening, Sept. 16. This was the fourth week of the interdenominational "Know Your Bible" campaign held in various churches in Winnipeg and Steinbach.

Former pastor of Charlotte Chapel in Edinburgh, Scotland, Mr. Baxter has been preaching all over the world. He is especially appreciated as an expositor, and is the author of several books, including a six-volume commentary called "Explore the Book."

Attendance at Elmwood M.B. church averaged close to 700 every night, with people flocking from all over the city to hear this man of God.

For the final week of the interdenominational campaign, beginning Sunday night, Sept. 25, the meetings will be held in the Alliance Tabernacle on Furby Street. An all-Mennonite mass choir will sing, except on Monday and Thursday when Mennonite choirs from Steinbach, Man., will sing. Peter Koslowsky will be soloist every evening. Henry Voth will direct the mass choir.



Henry Voth, member of the music faculty at the M.B. Bible College, is directing the all-Mennonite mass choir for the final week of the "Know Your Bible" campaign at the Alliance Tabernacle.



DATELINE: INDIA

Rudy Friesen, Marquette, Man., serving in India, reports: The first day at Habra and the milk canteen proceeded as usual. The number of people now coming for milk is over 300. Now that I am not there, this work is being carried out by the man who assisted me earlier. Construction has begun on the Community Hall and library on the Bengal Christian Council property.

With the arrival of a shipment of cheese in Calcutta, help was needed in the distribution of the same. On the fourth of August, I returned to Calcutta for this purpose. The cheese, which came from America, was in poor condition, due to insufficient packing, delay in the docks, and from being mishandled. Some oil had run out, and many of the cases were broken. Notices had to be sent to the various people who received it, and I had to be where the cheese was kept to hand it over to those who came.

I returned to Habra for a few days on the 16, but soon came back to Calcutta to carry on the work with the cheese.

In north Bihar, a village has been struck by fire and floods. A grant of money has been set aside for helping these people. I have been appointed to go there and distribute the money, or put it to its best use. A man from that village has just arrived here, and I plan to leave with him today. We were to have gone sooner, but he was delayed, and could not come here till now. I should be gone for about one week.

ROSTHERN JUNIOR COLLEGE BEGINS CLASSES

Registration at the Rosthern Junior College took place on Sept.

14, with classes beginning the next day. Enrollment stands at 118, 55 in grade 12, 43 in grade 11, 11 in grade 10, and 9 in grade 9. Mr. E. Richert is principal, and five teachers assist him in teaching.

The regular high school course is supplemented by religion and Mennonite history.

ALBERTA MENNONITE HIGH SCHOOL RESUMES CLASSES

The Alberta Mennonite High School at Coaldale, Alta., resumed operation for its ninth year with an enrollment of close to 100. The opening festival was on Sept. 18.

The peak enrollment is in grade 12, with 40 students. Grade 11 and grade 10 both have 17 students, grade 9 has 10, and grades 7 and 8 have 15.

Peter F. Barga is the principal, assisted by four teachers in the classrooms.

(Report on opening festival to follow)

M.C.I. OPENING POSTPONED

Because the new dormitory has not been quite finished, the M.C.I. at Gretna, Man., has been forced to postpone the opening of school from Sept. 20 to Sept. 27.

The new E-shaped 72-room dormitory is being constructed by Hoffman Construction of Morris, Man., at a cost that will exceed \$100,000. Built in 1900, the old dormitory, used as a boys' dormitory for many years, has been demolished.

Abundant Harvest In South Saskatchewan

The harvest in southern Saskatchewan has been very good this year, it is reported. With harvesting operations completed, storage space is at a premium. To alleviate the problem, the Saskatchewan Pool has purchased the hangar at the Herbert airport for the storage of wheat.

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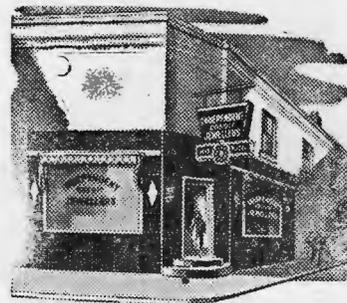
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